

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christopher Brett Ward  
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Title : HYDROMETALLURGICAL  
PROCESSING OF MANGANESE  
CONTAINING MATERIALS  
Examiner : Arun S. Phasge  
Group Art Unit : 1795

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This paper is submitted in response to the paper entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)" (hereinafter the "Notice"), mailed on July 25, 2008 in the above-identified patent application.


On July 2, 2008, applicant's undersigned counsel filed a paper entitled

"Amendment and Response to Office Action" which was signed by applicant's undersigned counsel on that date (the "Amendment"). According to the Notice, the Amendment was non-compliant in that, in the section devoted to amendments to the claims, a complete listing of the all of the claims was not provided. A review of the Amendment reveals that claims 1-28, which had previously been cancelled, were not listed. A substitute section for the Amendment, entitled "Amendments to the Claims," in which this oversight has been corrected, is attached hereto.

Applicant has now remedied all of the shortcomings in the Amendment that were itemized in the Notice. Accordingly, further favorable action in connection with this patent application is earnestly solicited. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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